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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Re: FCC NPRM/WT Docket No. 99-87

Dear Ms. Margalie-Roman Salas:

I am writing in response to the FCC NPRM in WT Docket No. 99-87 concerning statutory changes to the FCC's auction authority following the Balanced Budget Amendment of 1997. I support the position of the members of the E-ZPass Interagency Group (IAG), as communicated in their individual letters to this Docket, that the Commission should retain the existing shared use licensing scheme for the non-multilateration portions of the 902-928 MHz LMS band.

TRANSCOM works very closely and has several members in common with the IAG. TRANSCOM is the coalition of 15 transportation agencies in the Connecticut/ New Jersey/New York metropolitan region that provides a cooperative, coordinated approach to regional transportation management. TRANSMIT, TRANSCOM's System for Managing Incidents and Traffic, uses vehicles equipped with E-ZPass toll tags as probes to monitor traffic and to detect incidents. The loss of primary spectrum rights by IAG members would seriously undermine the major investment of federal and local funds in TRANSMIT and it would eliminate the major public benefit that TRANSMIT produces.

I urge the Commission to protect the financial investment and commitment the TRANSCOM members have made in TRANSMIT.

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Sincerely,



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